



**GOVERNOR'S ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
General Meeting – May 9, 2013  
10:00 A.M.**

**Location:** 1700 W. Washington  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Phoenix, AZ

**Members Present:** Dr. Craig Barrett, Superintendent John Huppenthal, Tim Carter, Pearl Esau (telephonic), Rep. Doris Goodale (ex-officio), Brad Holaway, Eileen Klein, Amanda McAdams, Kathy Player, Merl Waschler, and Sandra Watson,

**Members Absent:** Rep. Jeff Dial (ex-officio), Dr. Rufus Glasper, Glen Hamer, Jake Logan, Diane McCarthy, Jacob Moore, Colleen Niccum, Onnie Shekerjian, Tom Tyree, Sen. Kimberly Yee (ex-officio), and Dr. Jim Zaharis

**Staff Present:** Rebecca Gau, and Dale Frost

**Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**

Dr. Craig Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and introduced the purpose of the meeting, which was to receive an update from the Governor's Office of Education Innovation (GOEI) and receive presentations from NAU's College of Education, Read on Arizona, and AELAS oversight.

**Update: Governor's Office of Education Innovation**

Dr. Barrett introduced Rebecca Gau with GOEI. Ms. Gau offered updates on activities and outreach including social and earned media; how Members can become more involved; first glance at the teacher survey; review of old business. Ms. Gau then brought the Members attention to a survey that she had prepared on requests from previous council meetings that have not yet been addressed. Ms. Gau asked Council Members to fill out and return the survey to staff, and that the results of this survey will drive GOEI updates in the future. Ms. Gau then brought the Members attention to the middle class middle school student data analysis, and Legislative updates sheets that were included in their packets for review.

Quorum was met at 10:19 a.m. with the arrival of Supt. Huppenthal. Dr. Barrett then called for an approval of the April 3, 2013 Council meeting minutes as presented. Tim Carter moved for the approval, Kathy Player seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Update: NAU Common Core**

Dr. Barrett introduced Dr. Michael Sampson with Northern Arizona University (NAU) College of Education (COE). Dr. Sampson gave a brief overview of NAU's COE then introduced Dr. Pamela Powell. Dr. Powell reviewed with the council the various ways that NAU was preparing teachers for the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

- Syllabi alignment with CCSS and the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Model Core Teaching Standards across NAU COE programs
- Establishment of Common Core Task Force in COE
- Collaboration with the Arizona K-12 Center on both InTASC and the CCSS
- Collaboration and co-planning with school districts across the state to substantively address the CCSS and InTASC standards in relation to student needs in school districts, as well as current teacher evaluation procedures, and to provide the practicum experiences preservice teachers need
- Collaboration with the Arizona K-12 Center, ADE, and the Arizona Regional Education Service and Support Centers to provide exceptional understanding of the CCSS to our students, faculty, practicing teachers, and community members
- CCSS research from NAU's COE to include self-assessment of students and faculty regarding CCSS and also a statewide survey regarding the CCSS professional development needs of practicing teachers and school administrators
- Program review including course sequences, practicum experiences, syllabi, data analyses in relation to CCSS, InTASC, and NCATE Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations
- Fall semester 2013 Common Core Summit at NAU to include students, faculty, teachers across the state, and community members
- PARCC assessment information and updates
- Education in the use of various rubrics and materials for implementation of the CCSS in lesson planning and execution
- The possible establishment of an online CCSS resource portal for students, faculty and community use
- The possible establishment of an online publishing portal (peer-reviewed) for student, faculty, teacher, community authors to address the CCSS, lesson planning with the Common Core State Standards, and other pertinent CCSS-related materials

Dr. Barrett asked how much communication was there between the colleges of education. Dr. Sampson advised that there is a lot of communication. He indicated that the Deans meet weekly and have recently all 3 state universities have applied for a teacher quality improvement grant together. Amanda McAdams asked how the NAU COE prep has changed since common core. Dr. Powell answered that the COE has first started to get the faculty to understand CCSS and are currently also working directly with school districts. Dale Frost asked how NAU is preparing elementary teacher candidates for increased math rigor. Dr. Sampson advised that they are working with GEAR UP and the community colleges to get math skills up. Dr. Powell also advised that the COE is continuing to work with students that may need some additional math assistance through the new Lumber Jack Math Center.

**Update: Read on Arizona**

Dr. Barrett then introduced Terri Clark with Read on Arizona. Ms. Clark offered the Council a brief overview and update on the work of Read on Arizona. Ms. Clark highlighted Arizona's Comprehensive Approach; the current challenges being faced and the solutions to those challenges; and she reviewed the Strategic Literacy Action Plan. Dr. Barrett asked Ms. Clark's opinion about the talk of this being an unfunded mandate. Ms. Clark responded that this is not an unfunded mandate. Arizona has the funds but it is not always about throwing money at an issue. Read On Arizona does need some funding but it is just as important to coordinate and share resources, and that sharing will take the program further.

**Update: AELAS Oversight**

Dr. Barrett introduced Ryan Sommers with Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology (ASET). Mr. Sommers introduced Ellen Mandinach with WestEd and Rick Rozzelle with CELT Corporation, who were both on the phone to assist with the presentation and questions as needed. Mr. Sommers then explained that WestEd received the contract to evaluate/assess the extent to which the AELAS is being properly executed in accordance with A.R.S. 15-249. Mr. Sommers then took the Council through the process of evaluation including the evaluation objectives, document analysis, proposed interviews, and approach. Dr. Barrett asked to clarify that the study looks at the architecture of the model and analyzes that architecture rather than monitoring the implementation process. Mr. Sommers advised that that was correct.

Quorum was lost at 11:40am when Supt. Huppenthal left the meeting.

**Council Comments**

Chair Barrett reviewed possible agenda topics for the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting;

- MCCD Metrics by Dr. Glasper
- STEM for middle school

Chair Barrett asked to discuss in the future possibility of getting a robotics team in every high school to help support STEM. Eileen Klein advised that she would like to have the Council shift to action agendas which will allow the Council to advance its goals.

**Public Comments**

There were no requests from the public to address the Council.

**Adjourn**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.